(*b*) whether any design was invited for the construction of that chimney ; if so did anybody supply any design ;

(*c*) how long is it since the chimney was constructed ; and

(*d*) what was the total cost of constructing the same ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) Yes. The masonry work of the chimney except the fire brick lining was done at first by the P. W. D. under the supervision of the Sub-Division Officer, Quilon and Section Officer, Ceramic Special Section and subsequently by the Ceramic Expert.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Nearly seven months.

(*d*) Rs. 11,344.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Sir, with reference to part (a), may I know how these cracks occured ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : This happened because of the excessive heat.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the cracks have been repaired ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know the cost of repairing ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar It is about Rs. 1,500.

Cocoanut Deputation.

84. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the total amounts given if any to the cocoanut deputations in the years 1112 and 1113 by the Government ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether the deputationists are bound to submit accounts for the amounts received and spent, if so, whether any accounts were submitted by the deputationists of the expenses incurred by them ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : (1). 1112—Nil.

1113—Rs 3,676-1-9.

(2) The amount comprises a lump sum grant of B. Rs. 2,000 (S. Rs. 2,035-20-0) for the travelling expenses of the two non-official members and the travelling allowance of Rs. 1,640-9-9 to the official member admissible under the rules of the Travancore Service Regulations.

Grazing grounds.

85. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the various places in the State where there are grazing grounds set apart by the Government ; and

(*b*) the area of each of the grazing grounds ?

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Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) and (*b*) A *statement furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Kayankulam-Muttom Road.

86. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a road from Kayankulam to Muttom;

(*b*) whether it is being encroached upon in many places by the owners of adjoining properties;

(*c*) whether the wooden bridge on it at Pathiyoor to the west of the Pathiyoor temple fell into ruins several years ago;

(*d*) whether there is the need of a bridge there at present;

(*e*) whether there is a canal running across this road near the temple at Evoor;

(*f*) whether the absence of a bridge here makes the road useless, in the rains, even for pedestrians; and

(*g*) whether the road if broadened and repaired will be of immense benefit to the ryots of the locality?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Steps have been taken to remove the encroachments wherever they exist.

(*c*) Yes. No trace of it exists now.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The road, if improved, will be of use to the inhabitants

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, In respect of part (*c*), may I know what the honourable member means by saying that no trace of it exists. Is it implied that there is no necessity of a bridge being built there?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: It does not mean that there is necessity for a bridge.

Grants to Libraries and Reading Rooms.

87. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the maximum annual grant now awarded to Libraries and Reading Rooms;

(*b*) whether grant is awarded in quarterly instalments;

(*c*) how the relative merit of each library is ascertained;

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